

# 2002 Report of Accomplishments

## King Conservation District



### Natural Resource Improvements in 2002 - Summary

- Improved water quality in King County by working one-on-one with over 100 individual small farm and dairy owners to design, fund, and install water quality Best Management Practices.
- Taught 8 well attended workshops and facilitated numerous presentations on water quality protection for new and inexperienced farm owners.
- Utilized hundreds of volunteers on local estuarine, stream, and wetland enhancements projects in both urban and rural communities.
- Contributed over 2 million dollars to local natural resource management projects.



Wetland Plant Cooperative native plants installed on a local estuarine enhancement project.

### Mission of the King Conservation District

- To promote sustainable uses of natural resources through responsible stewardship

### Water Quality Implementation

- Implemented 193 water quality Best Management Practices, including waste storage facilities, waste utilization, pasture management, nutrient management, livestock fencing, tree and shrub establishment, and cover crop management.

### Basic Funding

- Utilized 2002 Basic Funding grant to pay the District's share of office rent on the Renton USDA Service Center building lease.

### Local Funding

- Contributed 2.05 million dollars in District Special Assessment funding to 29 local natural resource management, water quality protection, and fish and wildlife enhancement projects.
- \$12,000 of in-kind match contributed by King County Wastewater Treatment Division to the WCC 01-09-PS grant.

### Puget Sound/Water Quality

- Utilized 1.4 million gallons of reclaimed wastewater from the KC Wastewater Treatment Facility to propagate 30,000 native plants for local estuarine, stream, and wetland enhancement projects.

### Professional Engineering

- Designed and installed 4 dairy manure lagoons to help dairy producers comply with the Dairy Nutrient Management Act.
- Designed fish screens to retrofit existing Drainage District pump station servicing local farming community.
- Provided permitting and design assistance to farmers on the development of fish friendly ditch maintenance plans.

### Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- Enrolled 5 landowners in the CREP program.
- Developed 5 CREP buffer enhancement plans.
- Installed 2 CREP buffer enhancement plans.

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## Dairy

- *Developed 9 dairy nutrient management plans, and updated 3 existing plans.*
- *Approved 10 new dairy nutrient management plans.*
- *Certified 3 dairy nutrient management plans.*
- *Dispersed \$30,620 in cost share funding.*

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## Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- *Installed 2 stream enhancement projects and 5 wetland enhancement projects.*
- *Maintained 8 previously installed stream and/or wetland enhancement projects.*
- *Provided 13,500 native plants to 38 local estuarine, stream and wetland enhancement projects.*
- *Provided 20,000 bareroot plants to 200 local backyard conservation projects.*

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## Small Farm Programs

- *Developed 72 comprehensive farm management plans.*
- *Developed drainage ditch maintenance plans.*

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## Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Recruited 458 local residents who 1950 hours of service on 54 native plant propagation, and/or stream and wetland buffer enhancement projects.*
- *Connected 114 local residents to sources of composted livestock manure through the Manure Share program.*

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## Information & Education

- *Facilitated 8 workshops on land and water management for livestock owners.*
- *Conducted 5 farm tours featuring farms that have implemented farm management practices.*
- *Conducted 9 presentations on land and water management for livestock owners.*
- *Co-facilitated annual Small Farm Expo*

## Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices



*Volunteers propagating native plants for local estuarine, stream, and wetland enhancement projects*